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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY BUTZ ARRIVAL

1. SYRIAN RADIO AND TV COVERED ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ TO DAMASCUS DURING THEIR REGULAR EVENING NEWSCASTS. COMMENT OF NEWSCASTER LIMITED TO SAYING SECRETARY BUTZ HAD COME TO DISCUSS COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND SYRIA IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

2. BOTH GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED ARRIVAL BUT GAVE MORE DETAILS. PAPERS STATED SECRETARY BUTZ IS IN SYRIA ON TWO-DAY VISIT TO HOLD TALKS ON WAYS TO CONSOLIDATE COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. IN ADDITION ARTICLES PRINTED STATEMETN SECRETARY BUTZ MADE TO SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY (SANA) TO EFFECT THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME, THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF NECESSITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL PEOPLES FOR DEVELOP-

MENT PURPOSES, AND THAT HE WISHED TO DISUCSS WITH
SYRIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER OFFICIALS
MEANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION OF FOOD. SECRETARY
BUTZ ALSO SAID HE HOPED TO EXPLORE WASY TO EXPAND
COOPERATION BETWEEN SYRIAN AND U.S. MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE.
HE CONCLUDED THAT ALL THIS WAS DIRECTED TOWARD PRIMARY
GOAL OF PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
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